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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 and 9-12.

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) The composition of claim 5 wherein the composition is admixed in a comestible.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) A composition comprising
- an alcohol having an average length of from about C₂₀-C₂₆ in a amount sufficient to reduce cholesterol in a vertebrae;
- said alcohol encapsulated in a food grade acceptable material selected from the group consisting of coating polymers, waxes and plasticizers, wherein the weight ratio of alcohol to the food grade acceptable material is from about 1:4 to about 10:1.

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) A method for reducing cholesterol in a vertebrate comprising administering an effective amount of the composition of claim 5.

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